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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, PINT, KE, SO

SUBJ: GOK ORGANIZED LOYALTY DEMONSTRATIONS IN NORTHEAST

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENT PLAY TO SERIES OF LOYALTY DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN EASTERN AND NORTH EASTERN PROVINCES NOVEMBER 8-10. BILLED AS SPONTANEOUS EVENTS EXEMPLIFYING REJECTION BY LOCAL INHABITANTS OF SOMALI PRESIDNET SIAD BARRE'S CLAIMS ON KENYAN TERRITORY, RALLIES WERE NONETHELESS CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED BY GOK. IN ATTENDANCE AT EACH MEETING WERE TOP PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS ALL ASSISTANT MINISTERS AND OTHER MPS FROM AREA. PRESS REPORTED SUBSTANTIAL CROWDS IN ISIOLO, MOYALE AND MARSABIT (EASTERN PROVINCE), BUT LITTLE SPECIFIC COVERAGE GIVEN TO RALLIES IN MANDERA AND WAJIR (NORTH EASTERN PROVINCE), WHERE ETHNIC SOMALIS PREDOMINATE.

2. MESSAGE WHICH SEQUENCE OF RALLIES APPARENTLY INTENDED CONVEY TO SOMALIA AND OTHERS IS SUMMARIZED BY FOLLOWING STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED BY DAILY NATION NOVEMBER 10 TO 14 MPS WHO ADDRESSED MARSABIT MEETING: "LET THIS DAY BE END OF BARRE'S WILD AND CRAZY DREAMS OF A GREATER SOMALIA, FO WE SHALL  
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FIGHT SHOULDER TO SHOULDER. WE ARE NOT COWS, GOATS, OR CAMELS TO BE CLAIMED, AND WE ARE NOTHING TO SOMALIA. IF WE WANTED TO BE MOGADISCIO SOMALIS, WE COULD HAVE GONE THERE BEFORE UHURU (INDEPENDENCE). LET BARRE BE WARNED THAT WE DO NOT WANT SECOND COLONIZER." PRESS ALSO HIGHLIGHTED STATEMENTS TO EFFECT SOMALIA SO POOR IT CULD OFFER NOTHING TO KENYA'S ETHNIC SOMALIS.

3. COMMENT: IT IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT SOMALIA WILL BE CONVINCED THESE DEMONSTRATIONS REFLECT POLITICAL VIEWS OF ETHNIC-SOMALIS IN KENYA. EVEN KNOWLEDGEABLE KENYANS DO NOT ACCEPT THEM AS SUCH. PROMINENT LOCAL JOURNALIST, A GALLA FROM MARSABIT, TOLD EMBOFFS NOVEMBER 10 THAT DESPITE RALLIES AND RHETORIC NOTHING GOK CAN DO WILL SUCCEED IN ALTERING REALITY THAT ULTIMATE LOYALTY OF MOST ETHNIC SOMALIS IN KENYA IS TO MOGADISCIO. IN HIS VIEW, SITUATION IN NORTH EAST POSES INSOLUABLE DILEMMA BECAUSE NEITHER SIDE CAN CAOMPROMISE WHAT IT REGARDS AS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.

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